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Report of the work done & to be done by the Special Revenue Officer Malnad Improvement, Shimoga

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FILE HEADING.

Scheme for the improvement of the Malnad

(Progress of work)

From

The Special Revenue officer, Malnad Improvement

No. 24. Dated 13-6-14 Received 18-6-14

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BRIEF ABSTRACT OF LETTER.

Submits a report of the work done under the direction of the Committees, with a forecast of ~~the~~ proposals for work during the next year.

NOTES AND ORDERS.

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Progress has been reported with regard to the measures enumerated in clauses (1) to (3) and (6) of paragraph 6 ~~of~~ of the G.O.* of 24th February 1914 and some of the general schemes (to be formulated by the Committees) referred to in paragraph 10 of the same

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Govt. order. None of these schemes have however been completed & Comprehensive proposals submitted for the sanction of Govt so that they may be ready for execution in 1914-15, as required by paragraph 10 of the Order.

Submitted for orders.

cgsl (120) 19-6-14

2) The report may be recorded.

~~Approved and~~ Draft

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3) Subud with a draft as directed.

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4) Separate reports have been received in certain cases & these being worked up Subd for orders with draft

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To Mr Anand Rao Sirsi Spl. Rev Offr M. I. & D.O. stating that orders will be issued in due time

To The Spl Rev Offr M. I. Shimoga & Dy Commrs, Shimoga, Kadur, & Hassan Dists Re No. 287-90 & 7.7.14 Records serial no 86.

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Office of the Special Revenue Officer
Malnad Improvements
Shimoga

From Ananda Rao, S. Sesai Esq. B.A LL.B
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To. D 7395
Rec'd 13-2-86
D. M. Narasinga Rao Esq. B.A. B.L
Offg. Secretary to the Government of Mysore
General & Revenue department
Bangalore

Sir,

I have the honor to submit herewith for the information of Government, the report on the work done with a forecast of proposals for the next year, which I brought with me to present at the meeting of the Heads of departments and deputy Commissioners held at the Public offices, Mysore on the 9th instant, as required in your D.O. letter No. 5.40 dated 2nd instant but which was not called for at the time

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I have the honor to be,
Sir
Your most obedient Servant

Ananda Rao

Special Revenue Officer
Malnad Improvement
Shimoga

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From Ananda Rao S. Sesa Esq
B.A. LL.B
Special Revenue Officer
Melnad Improvement
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To
D. M. Narasinga Rao Esq B.A. B.L
Offg Secretary to the Government
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Dated 13th June 1914
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Enclosure No. 1 file

Submits a report on the work done with a forecast of proposals for the next year

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1. I beg to present this report on the work done and proposed to be taken up by the Malnad Improvement Committees of Shimoga, Kadur and Hassan Districts, recently organised as per Government Order No. 8036-84/Med 24-13-13 dated 24-2-1914.

2. Officers.

The Revenue Officer entered upon his duties under the Malnad Improvement scheme on the 16th of March 1914 and the two special Sanitary Officers who were appointed to assist him in his charge of the Malnad Improvement operations, joined duty towards the close of March last.

3. Clerical Establishment.

Separate Establishment for each Committee has been sanctioned in the Government Order under reference. Accordingly, three establishments were formed, one for each of the Districts of Shimoga, Kadur and Hassan; of these, the establishments of the Kadur and Hassan District Committees were formed from among the hands spared by the Deputy Commissioners of those Districts from their respective offices. But in the

case of the Shimoga District Committee a similar course could not be adopted as there were no hands to spare from the District Office. Hence the establishment had to be formed entirely by selection from among the officials of different Departments and in different Districts and it was not until the first week of May that this establishment was fully formed.

4. Executive Staff.

Under Government Order No. 2891-8/Med 24-13-25 dated 31-3-1914, the appointment of the 14 Overseers required for the execution of the Malnad Improvement works had to be made in consultation with the Public Works Department. As it was found desirable to have one of half of the staff from the Public Works Department and the other half from the Sanitary and Revenue Departments i.e. from among the Sanitary Inspectors and Sheikdars who have had engineering training, it was arranged to get seven hands from the Subordinate Executive staff of the Public Works Department- 6 from the Civil branch and 1 from the Railway branch Though the Chief Engineer's memo sanctioning the temporary transfer of the 6 hands applied for from the Civil branch, was passed on the 25th April last, yet for one reason or other, inspite of reminders to the Executive Engineers concerned, so far only three have been sent over, and of these 2 joined duties duty only in the 1st week of the current month. With regard to one of the other three, the Executive Engineer Shimoga Divisio

writes to say that this official pleads some inconvenience and that another may be appointed in his place.
The remaining 2 belong to the Kadur Division and in respect of them the Executive Engineer of that Division states that while one has declined the appointment the other asks for certain special concessions before accepting the proferred appointment.

As regards the hand selected from the Railway branch, a reply was received very recently from the Executive Engineer Mysore Arasekere Railway to the effect that the superintending Engineer was not in favour of sparing his services.

As matters stand, 8 out of 14 Oversseers required for the three Districts, have joined duty - viz 1 Overseer 2 Taluq Mastries, 3 Sanitary Inspectors and two Sheikdars.

In the case of Departments newly formed, there is always some delay in selecting and organizing the staff in full, and this difficulty has been felt to a considerable extent in this case. As steps are being taken to fill up the vacant places it is hoped that in this month, the whole of the staff will be organised and work will begin without hindrance.

5. Meetings.

During the two and half months that have elapsed, 7 monthly District Meetings in all have been held, 3 in the Shimoga District, 2 in the Kadur District, and 2 in the Hassan

District. Besides these, a joint meeting of the three District Committees was convened at Arsikere on the 9th May last. The important subjects taken up in these meetings were:-

6. Destruction of Noxious growth of rank vegetation in and around villages.

With regard to this, all the committees have resolved to get the pest of lantana removed or its growth checked at least for the present in 59 villages-19 in the Shimoga District, 26 in the Kadur District and 14 in the Hassan District.

In the selection of places, care has been taken to select only important, centraly situated villages which contain at least 20 houses in a block so that when they are improved they might serve as a model to the neighbouring villages.

To ensure that the villages once improved are maintained afterwards in proper condition, resolution has also been passed by all the committees to move the Government to amend the rules issued under the Sanitation Regulation to include all such Malnad villages within the scope of the Regulation irrespective of the number of houses therein.

7. Providing Wells for Drinking Water.

That there is scarcity of good drinking water in dry season in many parts of the Malnad is well known. For the present the Committees have decided to sink 23 wells in the

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Malnad area- 10 in the Shimoga District, 10 in the Kadur District and 3 in the Hassan District.

So as not to allow the malnad operation to come in conflict with the village progress committee scheme, the Shimoga and Kadur committees have resolved that the sinking of wells under Malnad Improvement Operations be confined to

(1) Villages built by fresh settlers.

(ii) Villages built by people who abandon their old unhealthy sites.

and (iii) Villages of which the people are too poor to contribute for the work under the Village Improvement Scheme.

Suitable sites for sinking wells are being selected by the Sanitary officers and operations will begin immediately after the rainy season is over.

8. Affording facilities to house builders.

In the matter of affording facilities to obtain timber for building purposes within reasonable distance from villages, the Shimoga and Kadur Committees have passed resolutions to the effect that persons whether agriculturists or not who wish to abandon their present unhealthy dwellings and shift to approved localities should be granted timber free of seigniorage from the District Forests assigned to the villages and at concession rates i.e. at the same rates as under the Malnad Ryots privileges' rules where

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District Forests do not exist, from State Forests.

It has also been resolved in this connection, that loans should be given on certain favourable conditions to persons who build new houses and sink wells on approved sites.

Necessary reference will be made to Government in consultation with the Department concerned to amend the existing Malnad Ryots privileges' Rules and also Takavi Rules, so as to admit of the above concessions being extended to them.

9. Public Health Measures.

With regard to this, the Committees have resolved that the special Sanitary Officers be requested to arrange and deliver popular lectures to Malnad villages illustrated by magic lantern slides and they have also sanctioned necessary funds for the purpose.

10 Malaria.

Malaria is one of the principal scourges of the Malnad. To eradicate it as far as possible the committees have resolved to distribute quinine free among the people and at the same time issue suitable leaflets in kanada on the causes, treatment,and prevention of the disease. A booklet on the subject written by Mr. M. Guru Rao Sub Assistant Surgeon of Birur has been selected by the District Committee of Shimoga. 6000 copies of the same have been ordered. They are expected shortly and will be distributed free among the people of the Malnad before the

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Malarial season begins.

30,000 packets of Quinine of 5 grains each, have also been received from the Medical Stores Bangalore, and these will be distributed among the Malnad people of Shimoga District through the agency of the Amildar, village revenue officers, school masters and other executive officers of other departments.

Similar procedure will be adopted in the other 2 Districts also.

11. Medical Aid.

That there is a real need for increased medical aid in the Malnad cannot be denied. The high percentage of deaths during child birth is a matter of great anxiety to all concerned and the matter is engaging the anxious consideration of the Medical Department. Proposals regarding the construction of Maternities, at several Malnad centres and training in midwifery at each of these institutions a number of pupils, awarding each a scholarship of Rs. 10/- per mensem have been sent up to Government by the said Department and the same have been referred to the Malnad Improvement Committees for their opinions.

Senr Surgeon's letter in the matter worked up & submitted today

Apart from the proposal of the senior Surgeon, the committees have also resolved to award certain number of scholarships of Rs. 15/- per month so as to induce Malnad women to go out to Bangalore or Mysore to receive training in midwifery for a year.

In furtherance of the resolution, applications received from persons to undergo such training have been sent to the Sanitary Commissioner and those selected by him will be sent out shortly for the purpose.

12.Vaccination.

Small-pox is one of the prevalent diseases in the Malnad. It carries away a large number of people year after year- especially in the hot season. It has been therefore resolved at the meetings of these Committees, to increase the number of existing vaccinators in each Malnad Taluq by one and to attach him for work under the direction of the Amildars. The resolutions have been communicated to the Sanitary Commissioner and definite proposals will soon be submitted to Government for orders.

A pamphlet on vaccination and its uses written by Mr. Guru Rao has been sent to the Sanitary Commissioner for his opinion as to its suitability and his opinion is awaited.

13.Dispensary:

As the existing dispensaries in the Malnad are few and far from each other, medical help is not readily available to the sick. Resolutions have been passed in the Shimoga and Kadur District Committees on the advisability of providing semi-itenerant dispensaries and increasing their number so as to increase

their usefulness. The subject is under correspondence and definite proposals will be sent to Government shortly.

14. Maternities.

As already stated, proposals to establish maternity wards have been submitted to Government by the Senior Surgeon. Independent of this, the matter was also brought before the joint meeting of the three committees, when it was resolved, that maternity wards be added to the existing female dispensaries in the Malnad under the charge of lady Apothecaries, and new maternity hospitals be opened in other important places under the charge of lady Doctors.

15. Forecast for 1914-15.

As all the measures decided upon by the committees this year will have to be ta en in hand and executed during the next year, the programme of work for the coming year will include the following schemes.

I. Providing measures for giving to all the teachers in the Elementary schools in the Malnad a course of instructions in Sanitation and in malaria especially, before they are sent out to Malnad as teachers.

II. Attraction of settlers to Malnad.

On this point, the Committees of Shimoga and Kadur have resolved that certain concessions should be given

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to those that come and settle down, in the shape of

(i) free grant of land, rent free for a certain number of years with progressive rates assessments thereafter till the maximum is reached up to a period of ten years;

(2i) free grant of timber to build houses; and

(iii) providing them with good drinking water.

Before taking up this question, as it is necessary to know what lands are available for cultivation in the Malnad areas, a statement of assessed waste-land has been called for from @ Taluks and on receipt of the same, steps will be taken to move the Government in the matter.

III. Expansion of communication in the Malnad.

If there is one factor that is more important than any other in the scheme for the improvement of the Malnad, and is the only sure and certain way to bring salvation to the Malnad people, it is the expansion of communication and opening up of the country.

For this purpose, it is necessary that steam tramways or light railways should be laid through to the heart of the Malnad. For three months in the year- during the rains- practically the Malnad people are cut off from the rest of the world. They can neither get their supply from outside not export their produce. On account of this draw-back, many perishable products of the

malnad grown in considerable quantities during the rainy season go to waste and so much of wealth is actually lost to the people. It may also be safely said, that for want of sufficient communications and sure and speedy means of travelling, people who would otherwise come and settle in these parts are unwilling to do so. If tramway and railway facilities are afforded, there is not the least doubt that the fertile lands in the malnad and the rich produce which they are capable of yielding, will attract large number of people from outside. It may not be possible now or in the near future to expect any profitable return on the money that has to be invested on these tramways and light railways. But the beneficial results of the expansion of communication are sure to accrue in the long run. Here in Malnad there is an opportunity and ample scope to emulate the example of Australia by opening railways to develope the country and not to wait for development of country before opening railways. If the Government who are taking so much paternal interest in the Malnad people, take up this question for their favourable consideration at an early date there is every reason to believe that the country will develop, economic condition of the people will improve and that many outsiders will come and settle in the country and add to its population and wealth.

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16. In conclution, I beg to submit that as the scheme was sanctioned at the latter part of the year when labour in the malnad was not available and as there has been some unavoidable delay in the selection and organisation of the executive staff and as the season for sinking wells has passed away, many of the works sanctioned by the committees could not be taken in hand during the year. It is on account of this, the committees have resolved to move the Government to allow the unexpended balance of the Budget grant of the current year to be utilised in the coming year together with the allotment for that year.

Draft part of separately & Send to Part II for Spencer copy.

With a complete organisation and full staff which will be ready shortly, and with a number of sanctioned works on hand, no doubt need be entertained that good progress will be made during the next year.

As the present depopulation of the malnad has been going on for a long number of years and the causes contributing to this seem to be due to physical condition of the country, mode of life and economic condition of the people, whatever improvement that can be effected or expected can only be slow and gradual.

8th June 1914
Mysore

Asst. Conservator
Special Revenue Officer
Malnad Improvement

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To

Ananda Rao Sirsi Esqr.,B.A.,LL.B.,
Special Revenue Officer for
Malnad Improvements.

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Cy to Mr D. M. Narasimha Rao. My

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Dear Sir,

Govt have
~~The Dewan has~~ read your report dated 8th June 1914, on the Malnad Improvement Scheme, with much interest. It is hoped you will, by your personal influence with the Deputy Commissioners, endeavour to push on operations without awaiting for ~~orders~~ specific orders of Govt-regarding procedure. Orders will come in due time ~~and on that account no urgent measures should be delayed.~~ need and if they happen everything will come right in the end.

Submitted for favourable consideration.
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Yours Sincerely,

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Secretary to Government,
Gen. & Rev. Depts.

IV To be issued today above my signature before 2-30 P.M. 4/7

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READ—

Letter No. 24 dated 13-6-14 from the Special Rev. officer, Malnad Improvement, Shimoga, Submitting a report on the work hitherto done under the direction of the Malnad Improvement Committees, together with a forecast of proposals for work during the next year.

~~ORDER THEREON~~ No.

Date of issue 7-7-14.

Signed by Mr N. Madhavarao

over.

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Order Thereon, No 287-90 med 14-13- 9.7.14

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Addl. Secretary

The Special Rev. Officer, M.I, Shimoga

" Dy Comr., Shimoga

" " Kadur

" " Hassan.

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